The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" At the instance of this House, this Government accepted the principle in 1922, that the appointments should be made on such considerations. The complaint of the House ever since has been that this has not been carried into practice."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" With reference to (*b*), may I know whether these orders are merely departmental orders or have they taken the form of statutory rules ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" They are executive orders and not statutory rules."

Khan Bahadur P. KHALIF-UL-LAH SAHIB :—" May I know whether direct recruitment has not been made at different stages in the services, for instance, directly to the district judgeships ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" There is direct recruitment in certain cases, Sir."

11-15 a.m. *Concession to ex-army men in the Medical Department to count their military service with civil service.*

*615 *Q*.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the officers of the Covenanted Services are given the concession of counting their military service, if any, with their civil service ;

(*b*) if so, whether ex-army men subsequently recruited to the Judicial department have been or will be conceded the same concessions ; and

(*c*) if not, why not ?

*A*.—(*a*) The concession of counting military service as civil service for purposes of pay, seniority and pension has been granted to all the All-India Services. In the case of the Indian Civil Service and the Indian Police Service the pay and seniority concessions are granted with reference to the age of the candidates at the time of their entry into the Civil and Police Services. As regards pension, officers of the Indian Civil Service are allowed to count up to two years, while those of the Indian Police Service up to four years In the case of other All-India Services, military service up to a maximum of four years has been allowed to count towards all the three concessions.

(*b*) & (*c*) Provincial Services have been allowed the concession in regard to pension. It has been refused in respect of seniority as it would affect the prospects of men already in service. It is under consideration in respect of pay.

*Grant of free quarters or house allowance to Government clerks in big towns.*

*616 *Q*.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that clerks of various Government departments working in big towns are put to inconvenience on account of the high rates of house-rent and of the long distance in many cases from their houses to their offices ;